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REPORT.

The committee on public lands, to whom was referred the petition of Richard Sparks, a captain in the army of the United States, submit the following REPORT....

THE petitioner claims a tract of land, containing three hundred and twenty acres, lying on the bayau Pierre in the Mississippi territory, in virtue of a Spanish patent legally and fully executed to Benjamin Faoy, dated the 29th day of August, 1798, who conveyed to the petitioner by deed bearing date the 23d of June, 1802. He states that being exclusively occupied by his military duties, and not having a correct knowledge of the act of congress of the 3d of March, 1803, regulating the grants of land in the Mississippi territory, nor of the act supplementary thereto, passed on the 24th of March, 1804, he failed to have his claim registered prior to the first day of December, 1804, conformably to the provisions of the before mentioned acts.

From the documents accompanying this petition, the committee are perfectly satisfied of the validity of the title of the petitioner to the land he claims, excepting so far as it may be impaired by his failing to have it registered, agreeably to the provisions of law. Although the committee are fully impressed with the importance of a strict adherence to the provisions of law, which require all claims for land to be filed, the present case they think ought to be excepted from the general rule. The profession of the petitioner sub-
jected him to calls and employments which admitted of but little attention to his private concerns.

The committee recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That Richard Sparks be permitted to enter with the register of the land-office, west of Pearl river, his claim to three hundred and twenty acres of land, lying on the bayau Pierre, in the Mississippi territory; and that such entry have the same effect as if it had been made prior to the first day of December, 1804.